

an issue, should seek out Bill; he has been a constant promoter of veterans' programs that highlight available benefits. If he does not know an answer, you can be sure he will do all he can to find the answer.

It is an honor to recognize such a great American. Bill has dedicated his life to this country and its veterans. It is my hope that Bill recognizes the enormous impact he has had. The example he has set will be followed for years to come. I congratulate Bill on this honor and I thank him for his service. I wish him many more years of dedicated and selfless service.

HONORING THE 75TH INACTIVATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE 65TH INFANTRY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today, I commemorate the 75th Inactivation Anniversary of General George S. Patton's 3rd Army, 65th Infantry Division.

The 65th Infantry Division was activated on August 16, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi under the command of Major General Stanley E. Reinhart. Upon completion of their training, the soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division were transported by train to Camp Shanks, New York and departed via troop ships on January 10, 1945, for combat in Europe. In the face of severe aggression from Germany, they were transported aboard ships from England to a barely functional France. The 65th Infantry Division set up Camp Lucky Strike despite extremely harsh winter conditions and low supply and food rations. During the Second World War, this unit fulfilled its motto of "Right to Be Proud" as they fought their way to victory. The soldiers traveled a total of 850 miles from Le Havre, France, to Enns, Austria.

The soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division have been awarded numerous honors for their heroism and valor in battle. They received the Congressional Medal of Honor, 7 Distinguished Service Crosses, 11 Legion of Merits, 67 Silver Stars, 4 Soldier Medals, 690 Bronze Stars, and 19 Air Medals.

On August 31, 1945, the 65th Infantry Division was inactivated. A few years later, veterans of the unit held annual reunions to provide support and encouragement to their comrades in arms and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not make it home.

They were just young men when they put aside their hopes and dreams to answer our nation's call. Today, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District I am honored to recognize the heroes of the 65th Infantry Division on their 75th Inactivation Anniversary ceremony.

They are truly members of the greatest generation.

ISABELLA ROSE DORIAN
MEMORIAL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, Isabella Rose Dorian was born in Houston, Texas, on October 8, 1941, to Mannis Dorian and Annie Cormier Dorian. Isabella's parents instilled in her a strong work ethic, leading her to become the first member of her family to pursue higher education. Isabella attended Texas Southern University before transferring to and graduating from the University of Texas—Medical Branch in Galveston ("UTMB") with a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy.

With encouragement from her uncle and Godfather, Louis Dorian, Isabella began her career as a physical therapist by serving those in need in the Fifth Ward community. Isabella rejoiced in her work, taking pride in helping patients recover in ways they scarcely could have imagined when they received their initial prognosis. While working at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Isabella reunited with a onetime college suitor, Eugene Edwards, who had become a pharmacist. The pair married in 1976 and would go on to raise two daughters, Valerie and Ananda. Isabella and Edward instilled their shared values of hard work and service to others in Valerie and Ananda. Isabella's daughters pursued careers in television and filmmaking, as well as law and public service, each making her immensely proud.

Isabella is survived by her daughters, Valerie and Ananda Edwards; her granddaughter, Dylan Rose Beavers; her niece, Shandra Mason; her great-niece; her great-nephew; her brother-in-law and a loving community. Isabella's passion for service and education were an inspiration to all who met her. She will be dearly missed.

RENACER ACT, S. 1064

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2021, I voted Present on S. 1064, the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act of 2021.

Let me be clear: I strongly oppose Nicaraguan dictator Daniel Ortega and his repressive and antidemocratic regime. The ills of Ortega's authoritarian regime are manifold. Ortega and his cronies have intimidated or arrested virtually all potential political opposition in the country. Ortega has engaged in numerous human rights abuses, and he has enriched himself and his allies while decimating the Nicaraguan economy and its people.

While I sympathize with this legislation's intent to crack down on Ortega and his cronies, it's not clear that the legislation as written would effectively achieve these aims. Instead, the legislation's text appears to require broad-based sanctions that could contribute to further economic collapse in the country, negatively impact the Nicaraguan people, exacer-

bate a migration crisis, and further consolidate Ortega's grip on power.

This legislation also did not go through the normal legislative process in the House. Instead of receiving scrutiny through the traditional committee and amendment process, this legislation was put on the floor last-minute as a suspension without adequate input from Members or the House Financial Services Committee—which I understand had significant reservations with the legislation's text.

As we've seen in other countries where the U.S. has engaged in broad-based sanctions, these types of sanctions do not always achieve their intended result. When appropriate, I support smart, targeted sanctions that limit adverse effects on civilian populations. Unfortunately, this legislation—and the lack of adequate legislative scrutiny—does not meet that standard.

END PALM OIL DEFORESTATION
ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act," which would incentivize all palm oil products imported into the United States to be certified by credible third-party standards for lawful, ethical, and sustainable sourcing of palm oil like the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. My bill would also prohibit American taxpayer dollars from funding destructive practices or forced labor for palm oil cultivation.

As President Biden stated this week in his address at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference—known as "COP26"—tropical forests worldwide are a significant carbon sink increasingly lost to deforestation. The United States and all countries must act as responsible stewards of this resource.

Unsustainably cultivated palm oil—used in a variety of food products, cosmetics, and biofuels—is one of the primary drivers of tropical deforestation worldwide. Remarkably, imported palm oil has virtually no requirements under federal law to demonstrate that it is cultivated and harvested sustainably or even legally in the country of origin. At the 40th Session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly in 2019, the global aviation sector committed to transition towards the use of advanced biofuels. As the commercialize airline industry makes this transition to purportedly "sustainable aviation fuels," the global demand for palm oil is only set to increase. That is why we must act immediately to ensure that only sustainably and ethically sourced palm oil is sold in the United States.

My "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act" would establish a preference under federal law for imports of certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products. It would also require that all palm oil products, whether food, cosmetics, or fuel, bear a label stating their country of origin, allowing American consumers to make informed decisions. In addition, my bill would remove palm oil from eligibility under the grandfathered facility clause of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) under which unsustainable,

foreign-sourced palm oil is allowed into the RFS program. Congress always intended for the RFS to support domestic biofuel production, not imports.

I appreciate that oil palm trees have the potential to provide efficient, low-carbon oil, but the United States must take a stand against human rights abuses and destructive cultivation practices that set us back in our efforts to combat climate change and global deforestation. American foreign relief, including financing provided under the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, cannot support unsustainable practices, enable foreign corruption, or contribute to forced labor, child labor, or the displacement of indigenous peoples.

Madam Speaker, the United States must ensure that palm oil imports are grown in a lawful, sustainable, ethical, and responsible manner. I urge all Members to join me in co-sponsoring the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act."

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF
PHOENIX PRIDE

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th annual Phoenix Pride Festival and Parade which will take place on November 6th and 7th. Each year, this event brings together Arizonans, entertainers, vendors, and community resources to celebrate and uplift members of the Arizona LGBTQ+ community and to further Phoenix Pride's mission of creating a more diverse, inclusive, and equal Arizona.

In addition to celebrating the 40th anniversary of Phoenix Pride, I would also like to recognize and thank the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation which has given over \$1 million in contributions since its creation. The Phoenix Pride Community Foundation supports the work of non-profits serving the LGBTQ+ community in Arizona through its grants programs and helps LGBTQ+ students and allies achieve their dreams of higher education through its scholarship program.

Since its founding in 1981, Phoenix Pride has been a beacon of hope and acceptance for the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community. Thanks in part to the hard work of Phoenix Pride, Phoenix ranks among the most LGBTQ+-friendly cities in the state, with protections against discrimination and a strong, involved LGBTQ+ community. While significant progress has been made in recent years, Phoenix Pride continues to tirelessly work to combat homophobia, transphobia, and discrimination in Arizona and across the country.

I would like to again congratulate Phoenix Pride on their 40th Festival and Parade, thank them for their work to make Phoenix a more inclusive and just city, and wish them all the best on another 40 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
VIRGINIA GOVERNOR, LINWOOD
HOLTON, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I take this time to remember former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton Jr., who passed away on October 28, 2021. Linwood was the state of Virginia's first Republican governor elected post-Reconstruction, and his tireless efforts for political cooperation between the two parties led to progress that would impact not only the Commonwealth, but the entire nation.

Linwood's love for politics was sparked at a young age. In high school, he was involved in a mock government program that was run through Virginia Tech. It was at this point that Linwood realized his long-term goal in life was to serve as governor of Virginia. He then began his studies at Washington and Lee, but in 1943, he entered the Navy as an engineering officer, serving with the Submarine Force. After the war, Linwood finished his undergraduate degree at Washington and Lee and was admitted to Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1949.

Throughout Linwood's time as Governor from 1970 through 1974, he was a champion for civil rights that led the effort to end racial discrimination in Virginia. He was the first governor of Virginia to appoint black individuals to high-level government posts. He also led by example during the integration of public schools in Virginia, when he sent his children to schools being integrated.

Linwood's life was filled with patriotism and public service. Linwood believed in two-party cooperation, often reaching across the aisle to consider and enact state-wide policies that would benefit Virginians. He will be missed for his passion for change, but his impact will live on.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, his four children, Anne, Tayloe, Woody, and Dwight, and several grandchildren. His son-in-law, Senator Tim Kaine, continues his legacy of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Linwood Holton, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to vote on November 3, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 354, and YEA on roll call No. 355.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
JAMES GORRIS' 16 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GI-
BRALTAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James Gorris on the occasion of his retirement after over 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. His significant contributions to the Gibraltar community are worthy of commendation.

Born in Wyandotte, Michigan and a graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Mayor James Gorris is a downriver native. He was first elected to his position in 2009 and was reelected 6 more times until his retirement. Before becoming Mayor of Gibraltar, he served the community as a member of the Gibraltar City Council.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mayor Gorris has improved the lives of Gibraltar residents in many ways. He has led the way in obtaining grants for investments in infrastructure, including the replacement of the bridge over Middle Gibraltar Road, a path for walkers and bikers along the boundary of the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge, and the City's renewal of the water system. Mayor Gorris has worked closely with stakeholders on the multimillion dollar plan to renovate and repurpose the old McLouth Steel Plant.

All who know him can attest to his strength of character and commitment to making Gibraltar a better place for all. Mayor Gorris credits his success to the hard work and dedication of city employees, the city council, and Gibraltar's police and fire departments. His strong relationships within his own community, as well as with state, local, and federal leaders made him a stellar advocate for the exceptional place that he calls home. Mayor Gorris and his wife Tamey have four grown children and they reside in Gibraltar.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor James Gorris for his exemplary 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. I join with Jim's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAN STEPHAN

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Dan Stephan on his retirement from the Madison, Indiana Police Department following 45 years of public service.

Captain Stephan joined the Madison Police Department on August 29, 1976. Daniel "D.J." Stephan rose through the ranks and was appointed Captain on July 9, 2000. Captain Stephan is Madison's longest serving merit police officer.

Throughout his many years with the Madison Police Department, Captain Stephan served as a firearms instructor and won several "top gun" awards in competition. After working 44 city parades, Captain Stephan